

BLUE WATERS

KAYAKING

Tomales Bay AM Paddle, Marshall

Welcome to Blue Waters Kayaking on Tomales Bay! We welcome experienced and first time kayakers alike to join us on this beautiful paddle. Tomales Bay is a beautiful coastal inlet that is protected from the sea by the Point Reyes Peninsula. It is not uncommon to see osprey, harbor seals, pelicans, bat rays and other species of wildlife.

Itinerary: We will meet at the Blue Waters Kayaking site in Marshall. After organizing gear and going over basic kayaking instructions and safety procedures, we'll launch our boats and paddle along the bay. We'll explore along the Pt. Reyes shoreline, enjoying the wildlife and beautiful scenery. We'll go fog or shine.

Equipment: Our double kayaks track well, are difficult to capsize, and are easy to maneuver. All the necessary gear such as life jackets, paddles, and spray skirts is provided.

What to bring: Come prepared for variable weather. Bring clothes that reflect your degree of sensitivity to heat and cold.

- Sun screen & lip balm
- Hat with sun visor
- Wool or fleece hat (for cold days)
- Sunglasses
- 1 liter (minimum) water bottle and snacks
- Shorts or baggy pants that can be rolled up to your knees are best for paddling.
- Shoes you don't mind getting wet. Teva type river sandals, wetsuit booties, or aqua socks. Tennis shoes with wool socks or rubber boots are good in cool weather.
- Windbreaker jacket
- Wool, capilene, poly pro, or some other synthetic long sleeve, long underwear shirt that will keep you warm when it is wet. (Cotton or cotton blend clothing retains water and will keep you cold if it becomes wet.)
- Pile or fleece pullover or a wool sweater
- Change of clothes, including dry shoes
- High energy snacks

Release Forms: Please read, sign and **bring** the enclosed release of liability and assumption of risk form with you on our trip.

Site Information: The Blue Waters Kayaking launch site is at 19225 Highway 1 in Marshall, midway between Pt Reyes Station and the town of Tomales. Parking is available along the bay side of the road just north of the Marshall Boat Works. Park diagonally. There are "NO PARKING" signs just north of Blue Waters. Thank you for respecting our neighbors by not parking in front of their homes. For complete directions, see attached directions document.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time!

Launch site: 19225 Highway One, Marshall, CA 94940 Tel: 415-663--2252

Administrative Office: Tel: 415-669-2600 Fax: 415-669-6968

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 983, Inverness, CA 94937

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TOUR/CLASS INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES.

Date: _____

Tour: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Can we add you to our email newsletter to be used only by Blue Waters: ___ Yes ___ No

How did you hear about Blue Waters: _____

Are you interested in: _____ Sea Kayaking Basic Class _____ Other classes
_____ Group trips for your organization _____ Youth Summer Camps

Summer Destinations: _____ Alaska kayaking

Winter Destinations: _____ Baja: Whales and Eco-resort and Expedition kayaking
_____ Yucatan (Mayan culture, great barrier reefs, warm water)

Blue Waters will have a place for tour/class participants to leave their keys while on the tour. We recommend that you leave them with us and not take them on the water.

Parking: Parking in each of our locations has certain restrictions.

Marshall: Please do not park in front of the fences to the NORTH of our facility. This is where our neighbors park.

Inverness: Parking is more restricted here. We encourage car pooling. There is parking in our parking lot for only about 12 cars, then on the street. For large tours we can arrange parking at the South end of the Golden Hinde Inn and Marina.

Thanks for paddling with us. Please come back soon.

Please complete the attached Release Form.



**TOURS and CLASSES,
RELEASE, AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**

In consideration of the services of Blue Waters Kayaking, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "BWK"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify and discharge BWK, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that sea kayaking and hiking entail known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks include, among other things: boat capsizing; tidal conditions and currents; travel in remote areas; collision with objects or other watercraft; prolonged exposure to cold water, hypothermia, accidental drowning; mental anguish or trauma, illness in remote areas; adverse weather conditions, exposure to sun, strong wind, cold storms, large waves, eddies and whirlpools, and lightning; aggressive and/or poisonous marine life; wrist, arm, shoulder, and/or back injuries; slips and falls while hiking; and rapidly changing weather and water conditions.

Furthermore, BWK guides have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

- 2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
- 3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless BWK from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of BWK's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of BWK.**
- 4. Should BWK or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
- 5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.
- 6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against BWK, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

AUTHORIZATION: I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury while participating in the activity. I either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf. I agree that any film or photographs of me/us, as participants, become the property of BWK and may be used for promotional or commercial purposes.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against BWK on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Print Name _____ Signature of Participant _____

Date _____

**PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by B.W.K. to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless B.W.K. from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Directions to Blue Waters Kayaking, MARSHALL Site

Our launch site is at 19225 Highway 1 in Marshall – midway between Point Reyes Station and Tomales, just north of the Marshall Boat Works. Please park diagonally on the bay side (north of the Marshall Boat Works and south of Blue Waters). Please DO NOT park in front of our neighbors “No Parking” signs. Thank you for your consideration.

(1) From San Francisco and southern Marin County (1.25 hours from Golden Gate Bridge):

- Take the Golden Gate Bridge and go north on Highway 101 for 8.5 miles to the Sir Francis Drake Blvd exit.
- Exit at Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and go 22.8 miles through Ross, San Anselmo, Fairfax to Olema.
- In Olema, go right on Highway 1, following signs through Point Reyes Station.
- You will go 11 miles on Hwy 1 to Marshall.

(2)*Alternate Route:

- Take Highway 101 to the Smith Ranch Rd/Lucas Valley Rd exit.
- Go west on this road (left) 10.4 miles to the end.
- Turn right on Nicasio Valley Rd and go 3.9 miles.
- Turn left on Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd and go 3 miles.
- Turn right at the bottom of the hill (purple bridge) and go 3 miles.
- Turn right on Hwy 1 and go 8 miles north to Marshall.

(3) From Petaluma:

- Take D St until it becomes Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd.
- Stay on Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd. for 11 miles until you get to the purple bridge stop sign.
- Turn right to stay on Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd. and go 3 miles.
- Turn right on Hwy 1 (purple bridge) and go 8 miles north to Marshall.

(4) From Santa Rosa and Points North:

- Take Highway 101 south to 116 west in Cotati.
- Go west 1.2 miles to Stony Point Rd and turn left.
- Go 1.9 miles to Mecham Rd and turn right on Pepper.
- Go 3 miles to Bodega Hwy and turn right.
- Go 0.5 miles to Tomales/Two Rock Rd and turn left (follow signs to the Coast Guard Training Center).
- Go 7 miles to Hwy 1, turn left, and follow road for 7.6 miles to Marshall.

(5) From Tomales, Dillon Beach and Bodega Bay:

- Go south on Highway 1 to our launch site, 7.6 miles south of Tomales in Marshall.

(6) From East Bay:

- Take I-580 west over Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and go west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
- Take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. 22 miles through Ross, San Anselmo, and Fairfax to Olema.
- In Olema, go right on Hwy 1, following signs through Point Reyes Station. You will go 11 miles on Hwy 1 to Marshall.

(7)*Alternate Route:

- Take I-580 west over Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and go north on Highway 101.
- Take the Smith Ranch Rd/Lucas Valley Rd exit and go west (left) 10.4 miles until it ends.
- Turn right on Nicasio Valley Rd and go 3 miles.
- Turn left on Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd and go 3 miles.
- Turn right at the bottom of the hill (purple bridge) and go 3 miles.
- Turn right on Hwy 1 and go 8 miles north to Marshall.

(8)From Sacramento:

- Take I-80 west to Hwy 37.
- Merge onto CA-37 W toward San Rafael and go 21.3 miles.
- Merge onto US-101 S via the exit on the left toward San Rafael/San Francisco and go 4.5 miles.
- Take the Lucas Valley Rd. exit toward Smith Ranch Rd. and go 0.2 miles.
- Turn slight left to take the Lucas Valley Rd. ramp.
- Turn left onto Lucas Valley Rd. and go 10.2 miles.
- Turn right on Nicasio Valley Rd and go 3.9 miles.
- Turn left on Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd and go 3 miles.
- Turn right at the bottom of the hill (purple bridge) and go 3 miles.
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